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For: ANTIMICROBIAL PREVENTION) Confirmation No. 4483
AND TREATMENT OF HIV AND)
OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES)

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement in the Patent Office Action mailed February 26, 2003 the applicant elects the following to the extent the pending or subsequent claims of this application require such an election:

Items 1-3 (Claims Groups): Applicant elects Group II, Claims 25-34, drawn to a method of use, classified in class 514, subclass 499, 642, and 643. The election is made without traverse to other embodiments or species at this time.

Items 4-5 (Microbe Inhibitors): Applicant elects Echinacea purpura.

Items 6-7 (Antimicrobial Isolates): Applicant elects echinacen.

Items 8-9 (Surfactants): Applicant elects benzalkonium halide.

Items 10-11 (Carrier): Applicant elects aqueous carrier.


Items 12-13 (Viral Diseases): Applicant elects human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Item 14 (Claims Groups): Applicant elects Group II, Claims 25-34, drawn to a method of use, classified in class 514, subclass 499, 642, and 643. The election is made without traverse to other embodiments or species at this time.

Should the Primary Examiner have any further questions, the Primary Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number or address listed hereinafter.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees in connection with this Restriction Requirement to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

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